

Reduce, reuse, and recycle inputs, nutrients and waste



Nutrient management planning & soil testing | Building fertility (slurry/muck, crop rotation, green manures) | Antibiotic resistance | Sustainable use of anthelmintics | Integrated pest management | Grassland management (including multi-species swards and mixed grazing) | Lowering ammonia emissions (air quality)

Discussion Groups



64 discussion groups have been recruited with approximately 750 businesses.

The groups will cover the 3 themes:



Business



Land



Livestock

Focus on:

- › Optimising farm performance
- › Making best use of resources
- › Minimising inputs and optimising efficiencies to reduce farm emissions and maximise carbon sequestration
- › Protect and enhance farm ecosystems

Agrisgôp



4 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place



- Grassland management (including multi-species swards and mixed grazing) **60%**
- Sustainable use of anthelmintics **20%**
- Antibiotic resistance **20%**

Groups that met during this period focussed on:

Identify crops/grazing options that may be suitable for growing as winter feed for stock.

See how a farm can be set up for more efficient grazing using electric fencing to lower use of concentrated feed for sheep or beef cattle.

Increasing the sustainability of local family farms by raising ethical pork with a clear traceability for local consumers and retailers.

Mentoring



103 hours of mentoring have taken place



- Nutrient management planning and soil testing **48.1%**
- Grassland management (including multi-species swards and mixed grazing) **40.7%**
- Lowering ammonia emissions (air quality) **9.3%**
- Building fertility (slurry/muck, crop rotation, green manures) **1.9%**

Extracts from mentoring diaries include:

“Discussions on small grants, soil management, liming, woodland creation schemes.”

“Weeds have been sprayed with a good weed killer product. James had spoken to a contractor regarding slot seeding and another contractor about ploughing and sowing Lucerne. Sheep were running in bigger groups and less groups. Grass availability is improving.”

Advisory Service



Use of Antibiotics
1 business supported



Lowering Ammonia Emissions
28 businesses supported with advice given in relation to lowering emissions

